

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

CONSTITUTION DAY

and

CONSTITUTION WEEK

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States of America is the guardian of our liberties and the embodiment of the principles of limited government in a Republic dedicated to rule by law; and

WHEREAS, September 17, 2008, marks the two-hundred-twenty-first anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this document and its memorable anniversary and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2005, 140 years after it was stolen from the North Carolina State Capitol, our original draft of the Bill of Rights commissioned by George Washington and containing the first amendments to the Constitution of the United States of America, was returned to its rightful place in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17-23 as Constitution Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim Sunday, September 17, 2008, as "**CONSTITUTION DAY**" and September 17-23, 2008, as "**CONSTITUTION WEEK**" in North Carolina, and I ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the framers of the Constitution had in 1787 by vigilantly protecting the freedoms guaranteed to us through this guardian of our liberties, remembering that lost rights may never be regained.




MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-first day of July in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.